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Dan, Jeff, Bob:

Mary has directed me to prepare a draft desk statement for your concurrence. She has approved the language below. This is what we would use only in response to any press inquiries that might come to OPA in reaction to today's story in the Post-Dispatch, regarding MDNR's recent letter to Republic Services.

If this needs any adjustment, please let me know ASAP. If it looks okay to you, likewise a prompt "thumbs up" would be appreciated.

Thanks.

PROPOSED DRAFT DESK STATEMENT:

EPA Region 7 appreciates and supports the work of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the State of Missouri, through its legal orders, in directing Republic Services to monitor and contain the subsurface smoldering event (SSE) in the Bridgeton Landfill portion of the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site. EPA is in regular communication with MDNR and the Potentially Responsible Parties to ensure that the SSE does not make contact with the radiologically impacted material (RIM) at the West Lake site. EPA's review of possible designs for an isolation barrier at the site is continuing.

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